STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Bomb blasts in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, I beg to lay a copy of the statement on the bomb blasts in Varanasi, on the Table of the House...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12.00 noon.

The House then adjourned at five minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at 12.00 Noon,
MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

ASEAN-India Summit

*241. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what follow-up action Government have taken so far after the Fourth ASEAN-India Summit held in December 2005 which was attended by the Prime Minister of India;

(b) whether there was any headway towards opening of more gateways along the Indo-Myanmar Border to facilitate development of the North Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) All initiatives announced by the Prime Minister at the 4th ASEAN-India Summit held in Kuala Lumpur on December 13th, 2005 are under discussion with ASEAN side for their implementation.

(b) and (c) Opening of a Land Customs Station at Pangsu Pass along the Indo-Myanmar Border is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.